

THOMAS BROWN.

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Mr. TAPPAN, from the Committee on Claims, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 242, "for the relief of Thomas Brown," have had the same under consideration, and they beg leave to report:*

The claimant, Thomas Brown, was appointed secretary of the senate in the territorial legislature of Florida during the winter of 1844, during which service he received the salary allowed by law. But the claimant avers that under the law there was provision for the appointment and pay of an assistant secretary, and argues that as no such assistant secretary was appointed, and as he did the whole duty himself, he should be entitled to both salaries. The Senate allowed the claim, and reported this bill for its payment; but your committee can perceive no principle of law or justice upon which the allowance can be justified. There is no evidence that Mr. Brown did an unusual amount of labor, and the fact that no assisiant was appointed goes a good way towards establishing the opposite fact. Your committee therefore report back the bill, and recommend that it do not pass.

